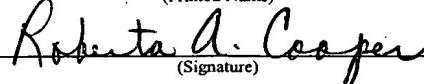




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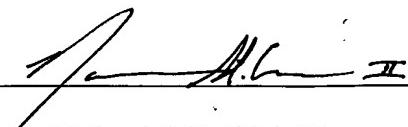
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- Issue Fee Transmittal (1 page).
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- Amendment Under 37 CFR 1.312 (8 pages).
- Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance (2 pages).

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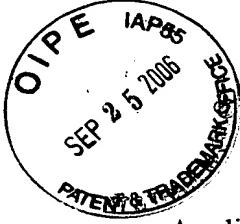
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Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Notice of Allowance dated August 10, 2006, concerning the above-referenced patent application.

The Examiner stated the following:

The Applicant has amended the claims as requested to place the case in condition for allowance. The feature of independent claims 1, 19 and 23 directed towards allowable subject matter is the interface housing being hinged to the display housing such that the interface housing can fold behind the display housing and be used to couple to the handheld computer when in the fully folded position, wherein the display is visible when the interface is in the fully folded position and the interface is coupled to the handheld computer. This feature is not taught or suggested by Ogura in view of Mills. Ogura generally teaches of said portable hinged display however said hinged display visibility functionality is absent when connected to the computer. Therefore these features in combination with the

other limitations of the claims make them allowable over the prior art of record.

While the Applicants agree that the allowed claims recite a combination of subject matter that is patentable over the cited references, the Applicants do not necessarily agree with or acquiesce in the statement of reasons for allowance given by the Examiner. Moreover, the Applicants note that the recited subject matter as well as various other subject matter and/or combinations of subject matter may be patentable for other reasons than those given by the Examiner. The Applicants expressly reserve the right to set forth additional and/or alternative reasons for patentability and/or allowance in connection with the present Application or in any other future proceeding.

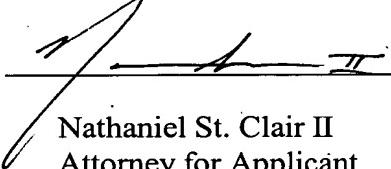
REMARKS

These Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance under 37 C.F.R. § 1.104 are intended to be responsive to the Notice of Allowance dated August 10, 2006.

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